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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary

FROM: G - Timothy E. Wirth *TW*

SUBJECT: Coordination on Rwanda

As you requested, I attended the White House meeting chaired by Tony Lake yesterday to coordinate the Administration's response to the humanitarian disaster in Rwanda. Among the many issues raised were:

- questions of logistics, including the feasibility of using Kigali airport and related security issues, and whether Kigali should be used only as an "airhead" or something more;
- funding and the need to coordinate better with Rep. Obey as we seek a supplemental appropriation;
- the need for a mechanism to facilitate coordination on the ground between UNHCR and private aid organizations;
- the question of whether to supply troops to the UNAMIR peacekeeping force and how to encourage other countries to participate; and
- whether and how to recognize the new Rwandan government.

To explore these and other issues as they arise, I have asked key Department and AID officials to attend a short daily meeting in my office, starting today. Today we will also be briefing a number of private aid organizations on how they can work with us to alleviate the suffering in Rwanda. Finally, we are working directly with DOD to arrange for Phyllis Oakley to travel with Secretary Perry on his trip to Africa, which we are hoping will include a stop in Kigali. I will keep you informed as things develop further.

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